

What is claimed is:

1. A gaming machine comprising:

variable display means for variably displaying a plurality of symbols;

5 lottery means for executing a lottery of a winning combination; and

stop means for controlling the variable display means to shift from
variably displaying the plurality of symbols to statically displaying at least one of
the plurality of symbols based on a result of the lottery,

10 wherein the stop means includes one or more stop buttons operable by
a player;

wherein the one or more stop buttons are provided below the variable
display means; and

wherein a lower display means is provided below the one or more stop
buttons.

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2. The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein an optically
transmissive electric display means is provided in front of the variable display
means.

20 3. The gaming machine according to claim 2, further comprising:
special game control means for generating a special game state advantageous
to the player based on a predetermined condition;

wherein the optically transmissive electric display device is controlled
for shielding an optical view from the variable display means in the special
25 game state based on another predetermined condition.

4. A gaming machine for executing a lottery of a winning

combination being composed of a combination of a plurality of symbols, the gaming machine comprising:

a variable display device for variably displaying the plurality of symbols;

one or more stop buttons provided below the variable display device,

5 the one or more stop buttons being utilized for controlling the variable display device to shift from variably displaying the plurality of symbols to statically displaying at least one of the plurality of symbols; and

an electric display device provided below the one or more stop buttons.

10 5. The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the variable display device and the one or more stop buttons are visible to and optionally operable by a player.

6. The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein an optically
15 transmissive electric display device is provided in front of the variable display device.

7. The gaming machine according to claim 6, wherein the gaming machine generates a special game mode advantageous to the player based on
20 a predetermined condition, the optically transmissive electric display device being controlled for shielding an optical view from the variable display device during the special game mode.

8. The gaming machine according to claim 6, wherein the optically
25 transmissive electric display device displays an effect image in the special game mode.

9. The gaming machine according to claim 8, wherein the effect image in the special game mode is determined by an operation order of the one or more stop buttons.